NOTICES OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT : I have received notice of a few adjournment motions. The first one is from our friend, Mr. S. J. Nair. It reads—

> "I beg to move the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the serious political situation arising out of the report submitted to the Government hastily and without properly and sufficiently ascertaining the public opinion, by the Franchise and Delimitation Commissioner, Travancore, in view of the fact that the questions relating to the Franchise and Delimitation have been subjected to the criticism of the Legislatures in British India before the Government finally adopted them and also in view of the danger of the Government accepting the recommendations of the Franchise and Delimitation Commissioner without consulting the public opinion and thereby causing unnecessarily tremendous and universal agitation in the country."

The honourable member must have known—even if he did not know at the time of sending in the notice, he will know it now—that this is a matter *entirely* outside the purview of the Legislature. Under the Reforms Regulation and the Standing Orders framed thereunder, questions relating to franchise are not within the purview of the Legislature and therefore this House is not competent to discuss the motion. Further, I may assure the House that no such report has been received by Government.

There are two other motions. One is—

> "I beg to move that the business of the House be now adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the serious hardship caused to the ryots of Chirayinkil and Trivandrum taluks by a stagnant flood which has been subsisting for the past one month and more and continues unabated even now devastating a total extent of five thousand *paras* of paddy lands and thirty thousand acres of cocoanut gardens and resulting in aggregate damage of not less than Rs 5 lakhs and also for the purpose of suggesting certain practicable measure to avert frequent floods which has been a special phenomenon recently in the taluks referred to."

It is rather difficult, I think, to bring this motion within the wide ambit of a matter of urgent public importance. However, I shall ask the House whether they are prepared to give leave to the honourable member to move this adjournment motion, keeping in mind one principal factor that we are assembling on this occasion just for a few days to transact a good portion of official and non-official work. Whether this matter should be given preference over all other matters is entirely left to the House to decide. Therefore I shall ask whether the member has the leave of the House to move the motion.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I object to permission being granted.

PRESIDENT : Objection having been raised, as many of the honorable members as are in favour of leave being granted will please rise in their seats.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : I have not heard what the motion is.

PRESIDENT : It is rather one of those rare occasions in which I have been blamed as possessing an inaudible voice. Anyhow I am not

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